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1. Ostrava-Hrabuvka Airfield is situated south of Ostrava (N 49-50, E 18-17) and Vitkovice, near the town of Hrabuvka. The airfield is bordered on the northwest by the road connecting the Ostrava-Stara Bela and Hrabuvka-Vitkovice roads; to the east and southeast the airfield passes into a field. The length of the airfield along the junction road is 1,300 meters; along the road to Stara Bela it is 800 meters. Along both roads the airfield is surrounded only by a wooden railing. To the east and southwest the airfield is fenced with wooden boundary posts. The airfield is 240 meters above sea level, with humus forming the base. The surface is grassy, and the whole of the surface is drained. The usual landing direction is northeast-southwest.
2. The entrance is at the northwestern corner of the airfield. From the main state road to Stara Bela, and is not guarded. The airfield is guarded by an SNB detachment of six men. Two SNB guards are on duty during the day.
3. Buildings:
 - a. Two reinforced concrete open hangars, 50 x 20 meters, standing side by side, are situated in the northwestern corner of the airfield. They are about five meters from the junction road, and 150 meters to the east of the road to Stara Bela. In front of the hangars there is a concrete apron measuring 25 x 25 meters. Three other hangars are situated about 100 meters to the south of the junction road on the northeastern side of the airfield. The first and third hangars are wooden and measure 15 x 30 meters. The second is reinforced concrete, about 25 x 40 meters. These hangars have sliding doors.
 - b. The administration building is situated at the point where the junction road joins the Stara Bela road. It is a single-storied brick building, 20 x 7 meters. On the roof of this building is a glass projection which serves as a control tower for the airfield.

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4. The airfield serves as a base for the Czechoslovak Airlines Ostrava-Bratislava, Ostrava-Brno, and Ostrava-Prague runs. One Dakota brings the morning mail to the airfield every day. There are three AERO-45 aircraft permanently based on the airfield.
5. The airfield is equipped with reflector lights installed on three wooden poles on the administration building which light up the whole airfield. This lighting makes landings and take-offs possible at night. Electric current is supplied by the Privoz (N 49-52, E 18-16) power station.

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